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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a plan for cent percent electrification of rural area of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether there is wide disparity in rural electrification in various districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to reduce this disparity;

(e) if so, whether it is true that Thar deserts districts like Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Bikaner have only 20 to 25 percent rural electrification; and

(f) if so, the time by which these districts are likely to become at par with the other villages of the State for rural electrification?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): Government of India through, Rural ElectrificationCorporation (REC),provides funds for carrying out rural electrification programme in the country. However priorities for rural electrification programme are determined by the State Electricity Boards/State Governments concerned.

(d): In order to give an impetus to rural electrification programmes in the country, Government has drawn up a special scheme for electrification of tribal villages, dalit bastis and benefitting the weaker sections.

(e): Details of village electrification in the districts of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Bikaner are given below:

S.No.	District	Total No. of Villages	Villages electrified	Percentage
1.	Barmer	1625	1500	92
2.	Jaisalmer	518	252	49
3.	Jalore	665	644	97
4.	Bikaner	580	556	96

(f): The time frame for complete electrification of the villages would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources required for creating necessary infrastructure, availability of power, demand of the consumers etc.